

Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting

MAPC Large Conference Room, 10th Floor, City Hall

3:45-5:30 p.m., April 9, 2014

Discussion Highlights & Points of Agreement:

Attendance - Plan Steering Committee:

Stacy Christie, Peggy Elliott, Joe Johnson, Cindy Miles, Randy Oliver, Richard Ranzau, James Roseboro, Debra Miller Stevens

Attendance - Project Staff:

Stephen Banks, Dave Barber, Scott Knebel, Jess McNeely, John Schlegel

1. Welcome -

The meeting was called to order by Peggy Elliott

2. Committee Workshop Session:

Discussion and Finalization of Proposed Public Polling Questions at the April-June Community Engagement Meetings -

- John Schlegel introduced Misty Bruckner and Tami Bradley. They are community engagement professional that have been provided as resources from the City Manager's office to assist the Committee and Planning Staff in the community engagement efforts over the next three months. Some Committee members expressed concern that through this assistance, the City Manager may be trying to steer the Committee in a different direction in regards to community engagement questions.

- Dave Barber indicated that over the last couple of weeks, staff has come to an understanding and appreciation of the fact that the Plan cannot 'solve' the \$9-10 billion infrastructure cost/revenue gap for Wichita projected over the next 20 years today. However, the Plan can and should be focused on providing an effective decision-making process and identify important criteria/considerations to guide future community infrastructure spending and cost-reduction decisions. Accordingly, our community engagement questions should reflect this emphasis. Some Committee members expressed concern that the type/detail of questions asked in the WSU survey and ACT ICT provided insufficient guidance in making recommendations on infrastructure spending and cost-reduction decisions.

- Barber reviewed the draft informational boards assembled by staff for display at the April Open House meetings. Committee members provided comments and some recommended improvements to the three scenario boards. Staff will proceed to finalize the board content and include edits suggested by the Committee.

- Barber presented staff's proposed stakeholder meeting format and questions. After a lengthy discussion regarding what the Committee needs/wants to hear from the public at these meetings, it was agreed to revisit this again at the next Committee meeting scheduled for April 23rd.

3. Committee Open Discussion - None

4. Set Next Steering Committee Meeting -

April 23, 2014, 3:45-5:30 p.m. in the MAPC Large Conference Room, 10th Floor, City Hall

5. Comments from Public Attendees -

Joe's request from the March 26th meeting to combine Questions#1 and #2 into a more detailed question was not done. It is impossible to ask the right questions. Taxes need to be balanced to reflect people's needs.

6. Adjourned - 5:30 p.m.